

OUR RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

The Value of Sunday. Lord Macaulay—If Sunday had not been observed as a day of rest during the last three centuries, I have not the smallest doubt that it should have been at this moment a poorer and less civilized people than we are.

COURT MORTALITY.—There is no religion without worship, and no worship without the Sabbath.

SIR MATTHEW HALE.—The more faithfully he applied himself to the duties of the Lord's Day, the more happy and successful was his business during the week.

BLACKSTONE.—A corruption of morals usually follows the profanation of the Sabbath.

ADAM SMITH.—The Sabbath, as a political institution, is of inestimable value, independently of its claim to Divine authority.

LORD KAMES.—Sunday is a day of account, and a candid account every seventh day is the best preparation for the great day of account.

WILLIAM WILBERFORCE.—I can truly declare, that to me the Sabbath has been invaluable.

SIR WALTER SCOTT.—Give to the world one-half of the Sunday, and you will find that religion has no stronghold of the other. Pass the morning at church, and the evening, according to your taste or rank, in the cricket field or the opera, and you will soon find thoughts of the evening hazards and bets intrude themselves on the sermon, and the recollections of the popular melody interfere with the Psalms.

S. T. COLERIDGE.—I feel as if God had, by giving the Sabbath, given fifty-two springs in the year.

ISAAC TAYLOR.—A Sunday given to the soul is the best of all means of refreshment to the mere intellect.

JUSTICE McLEAN.—Where there is no Christian Sabbath there is no Christian morality, and without this free institutions cannot long be sustained.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL BATES.—The religious character of an institution so ancient, so sacred, so lawful, and so necessary to the peace, the comfort, and the respectability of society, ought alone to be sufficient for its protection; but, that failing, surely the laws of the land, made for its account, ought to be as strictly enforced as the laws for the protection of person and property. If the Sunday laws be neglected or despised, the laws of person and property will soon share their fate, and be equally disregarded.

RICHARD HOOKER.—We are to account the sanctification of one day in seven a duty which God's immutable law doth exact forever.

ARCHBISHOP LIGHTNER.—The very life of religion doth much depend upon the solemn observance of the Sabbath; consider, if we should but intermit the keeping of it for one year, what a height of profaneness would ensue in those that fear not God!

DR. CHALMERS.—We never, in the whole course of our recollections, met with a Christian friend who bore upon his character every other evidence of the Spirit's operation, who did not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

WILLARD PARKER, M. D.—The Sabbath must be observed as a day of rest. This I do not state as an opinion, but knowing that it has its foundation upon a law in man's nature as fixed as that he must take food or die.

SUMMARY OF RELIGIOUS NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.—At a meeting of trustees of Norwich University, held at Northfield, on Friday week, the Rev. Roger S. Howard, D. D., of Woodstock, Vermont, rector of Trinity Church, Rutland, was unanimously elected President of the University.

The Rev. A. T. McMurphy has resigned the charge of the Church of our Saviour, Salem, Ohio, and has accepted of the House of Prayer, Branchtown, near this city.

The Rev. Dr. Manny, Professor of Systematic Divinity in the Seminary Divinity School of the Episcopal Church at Faribault, Minnesota, died on the 19th inst. His death was occasioned by the amputation of his leg on account of gangrene.

Bishop McVane, of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, in answer to the letter of a member of that body, as to the duty of bowing when the name of the Saviour occurs in the creed, says it is not required in the formulas of the Church, and is not of churchmanship, but a step in the direction of ritualistic and superstitious usages that no rector has a right to exact of his congregation.

The Rev. F. D. Huntington has resigned the pastorate of the Immanuel Church of Boston, Mass., to accept the Bishopric of the Diocese of Central New York. The Diocese of Central New York, of which Dr. Huntington made Bishop, is half as large again as the State of Massachusetts, and has more Episcopal parishes than Massachusetts has. Dr. Huntington enjoyed in Boston the largest salary of any clergyman in the New England.

At the last meeting of the Convention of Central New York, at which Dr. Huntington was elected its dozean, Bishop Cox besought the convention to reconsider the decision which settled the name of the diocese, and call it the Diocese of the State of New York. But the convention thought the plan unsafe, so strongly of the see system, and would not do it—notwithstanding the churchmen of Syracuse offered to give the diocese a see house worth \$20,000 if it would adopt the latter name.—Independent.

The United Presbyterian church in Rochester, N. Y., has grown, under the pastoral care of Rev. J. P. Sankey, to the full capacity of its new house of worship.

The Second Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill. (the Rev. Dr. Fisher's), has raised \$250,000 to carry the matter of a removal up town, its property having come to be worth \$250,000.

The Rev. Cyrus Byington, one of the most earnest and self-sacrificing ministers of the Presbyterian Church, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Belpre, Ohio, on the 21st of December, aged 76 years. He spent forty years of his life as a missionary to the Choctaws.

The Rev. Dr. Gardner Spring, of New York, has been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in that city for the space of fifty-nine years. There are but three people living, to his knowledge, who were members of the congregation when he became pastor.

A United Presbyterian congregation, numbering in the very outset eighty members, has recently organized in Lawrence, Mass., by Rev. John Hogg, late of Port Hope, Canada, under whose earnest, devoted, and most laborious exertions for the past six months it has been gathered.

The Presbyterian church on Forty-second street, New York, of which the Rev. Dr. Hastings is pastor, has been burdened with a debt of \$67,000. This fact coming to the knowledge of James H. Benedict, Esq., who, though

residing at Tarrytown, spends his winters in New York city, he resolved on the removal of the burden. This he accomplished by a liberal subscription, and by his personal efforts to obtain the balance. The result was a happy surprise to the pastor and the church.

The Rev. J. N. C. Grier, D. D., has been pastor of the church at Brandywine Manor, Chester county, Pa., for 53 years. His father, the Rev. Nathan Grier, was pastor of the same church for the space of 27 years, and the combined pastorate of father and son in the same congregation have extended over eighty years—a fact, so far as we know, quite without parallel.

Dr. Grier still preaches in the church, but has presented his resignation, which the congregation are very reluctant to accept.—Presbyterian.

The New School Presbyterians of Philadelphia have done a noble thing in aiding their feeble churches. Four churches needed aid. A meeting of the various and some leading laymen was called to consider the matter. They resolved to raise immediately the sum necessary to relieve all these churches of embarrassment.

Twenty men subscribed \$20,000 each, and soon more have been added. We have collected and expended from the commencement about eight millions, and not one dollar has been paid into the treasury that has not been satisfactorily accounted for. No draft has ever been protested, nor has the society ever lost a dollar by the dishonesty of any agent. This great revenue—for it is now the largest revenue collected by any religious organization in the United States—is collected by the voluntary action of the pastorate and the churches. We have no financial or collecting agents. Dr. Harris, the secretary, gave the financial history of the society in the following table:—

Table with 3 columns: Decade, Average Annual, Total. Rows include First decade, Second decade, Third decade, Fourth decade, Fifth decade.

Total contributions for fifty years, \$52,528,589. The receipts in 1861 were \$225,000, increased by 1865 to \$900,000. During the war the committee did not deem it prudent to extend their operations, and thus there accrued, at the close of 1865, an unexpended balance in the treasury of \$480,000. For 1866 the committee appropriated a million of dollars, and a larger sum for 1867. As contributions did not keep firm, the surplus was gradually absorbed; so that in November, 1868, there were but \$100,000 in the treasury. To meet the January allowances of the foreign missions, money had to be borrowed, on interest, bringing the society in debt, on the 1st of January, 1868, \$88,276. And as the missionary contributions are permanently increased, our missionary work must be contracted. The contributions last year were \$614,127, and the year before \$636,320—a falling off of ten per cent.

WORKS OF ART. CHURCH'S NEW "NIAGARA," His last important Picture, and the best and most comprehensive view of the GREAT FALL, On Exhibition for a Short Time. Admission, 25 Cents.

EARLES' GALLERIES AND LOOKING GLASS WAREHOUSES, No. 316 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

WANTED TO RENT.—On or before the 15th of March, a MODERATE SIZED HOUSE must contain all the modern conveniences, and be in good order, for which a good rent will be paid, and the best of care taken of it.

AGENTS WANTED FOR ZELL'S POPULAR ENCYCLOPEDIA. FIVE NUMBERS READY. PRICE 10 CENTS EACH. The Philadelphia "Gleaner" says it is one of the most complete and useful works ever published.

BEDS, MATTRESSES, ETC. Combination Sofa Bed is decidedly the best sofa bed ever invented. It can be extended from a sofa into a handsome French bedstead, with hair spring mattress, in ten seconds of time. It requires no ironing, and has no separation between back and seat, so cords to break, and no bladders fastened to the top of the back to support the body, which it is liable to get out of repair. It has the convenience of a sofa for holding company, in one day managed, and it is impossible for it to get out of order.

HAIR MATTRESSES AND A NEW STOCK OF SPRING, HUSB AND MOSS MATTRESSES, FEATHER BEDS, PILLOWS AND BOLSTERS, AT E. W. COX, 127th and CHESTNUT STS.

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, ETC. BEAVERS, CHINCHILLAS, ETC. ETC. JAMES & LEE, No. 11 NORTH SECOND STREET.

GROCERIES, ETC. WHITE CLOVER HONEY. BETHLEHEM BUCKWHEAT.

DR. KINKELIN AFTER A RESIDENCE of three years in the North-west corner of Third and Union streets, has lately moved to South EIGHTH STREET, between M & N.

but \$10,000 in the treasury November 1, 1868, and on January 1, 1869, the amount of the remittances to the foreign missions for the first quarter of the year was borrowed, making a debt of \$83,276. The receipts of the society have for this extent been anticipated.

The Rev. Dr. W. A. Smith is now making a tour among the Methodist churches (South) of Missouri, raising funds for the Missouri Central College. He obtained in three congregations in St. Louis \$25,660.

The India Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet at Lucknow, India, on Wednesday, February 10. The Foreign Mission Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church will hold their sessions for 1869 without the presence of one of the Bishops. Next year (1870) Bishop Kingsley is to visit the India, Germany, and Switzerland Conferences, and also the Chinese and Bulgarian Missions.

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The Second Presbyterian Church of Princeton, N. J., has accepted of the new cast-iron system, and instead of assessing upon hearers the amount which each one is expected to pay for the support of the ordinances of God's worship, it is left to every man's conscience and heart to give as he pleases.

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GOVERNMENT SALES.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT VESSEL. DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 26, 1869. The United States steamer COLONEL RUCKER will be offered at public sale at the port of Baltimore, at 12 o'clock, noon, on WEDNESDAY, February 9, 1869. This vessel is a

ROPELLER. Of 241 66-95 tons; length, 135 feet; breadth, 22 1/2 feet; depth of hold, 8 1/2 feet; draft, light, 3 feet; loaded, 8 feet. She has one direct-acting low-pressure engine (24 1/2 inches) of 60 horse power, and one boiler.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids for cause deemed sufficient by the undersigned.

TERMS.—Cash in Government funds on day of sale. STEWART N. YETTS, Deputy Quartermaster-General, and Brevet Major-General U. S. Army.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA. In Bankruptcy. At Philadelphia, January 28, 1869. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of GEORGE W. SIMPSON, of Philadelphia, County of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, on the 27th day of January, 1869.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of ANN HORTON, deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of DAVID PEARSON, executor of the estate of said ANN HORTON, deceased, (as stated by C. Tower and John B. Hoyt, Executors of said David Pearson, deceased), and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on TUESDAY, February 2, 1869, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 12 B. EIGHTH STREET, in the City of Philadelphia.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA. Estate of REBECCA FOLEY, deceased. The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of MARY A. ROWE, executrix of the estate of said REBECCA FOLEY, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested, for the purpose of his appointment, on TUESDAY, February 2, 1869, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 21 South THIRD STREET, in the City of Philadelphia.

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Sale No. 148 N. Fifteenth street. ELEGANT WALNUT FURNITURE, HANDSOME MIRRORS, ELEGANT ROSEWOOD PIANO, VERY FINE BRASS AND IRON CASTINGS, BEAM CARPETS, FINE GLASSWARE AND CHINA, ETC.

February 2, at 10 o'clock, at No. 148 N. Fifteenth street, above Master street, by catalogue, the entire contents of the above named stock, including a fine drawing-room suit, centre table, handsome walnut chamber furniture, iron safe, bedstead, washstand, superior iron stove, and other elegant furniture, and a large quantity of glassware, china, and other articles.

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